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Dear Mr. Koch:

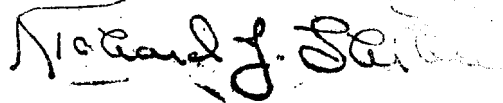
This is in reply to your letter to Congressman Michael Bilirakis regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

You are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest. Your letter will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Shiben
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division
Private Radio Bureau

Enclosure

Copy to: Honorable Michael Bilirakis

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am enclosing, for your review, a copy of comments which I received from several of my constituents.

In summary, they are concerned that the F.C.C. plans to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. If this is done many who own radio controlled models will lose not only the time enjoyed using these models, but the money that was invested in the purchasing of this expensive equipment.

I would appreciate your thorough review of the attached comments. Please forward your response directly to my constituents.

I would also be grateful if you would send a copy of your response to my Washington, D.C. office.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Michael Bilirakis
Member of Congress

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January 31, 1993

The Honorable Mike Bilirakis
US House Of Reps
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Michael Bilirakis
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Dear Mr. Bilirakis:

I am currently a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Coast Guard and an instructor pilot in the Coast Guard HC-130H "Hercules" aircraft. I have over 6000 flight hours and have been flying full size military and civilian aircraft for the last 24 years. You would think that I'd be tired of aviation but my hobby for the last 30 years has been building and flying model aircraft! I have over \$2,000 invested in 10 aircraft and in radio control equipment and compete in local, national, and international events. I operate at a local park and have introduced countless young people to the world of aviation through radio control model aircraft. Like myself many have grown up to enter aviation careers. For teenagers it's a great way to teach them valuable building and flying skills. It's also a great hobby that keeps their minds keen and their "bodies off the streets".

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and by standers and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of he radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control

of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

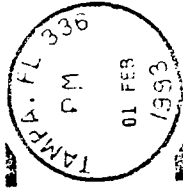
I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operation conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment for thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

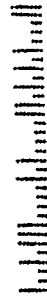
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THE HONORABLE MICHAEL BILIRAKIS
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Dear Mr. Bilirakis

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I am writing this letter in reference to a notice of proposal rule making NPRM-PR DOCKET 92-235 which the F.C.C. is considering. As a model Airplane builder dating back to the early forty's and a avid user of radio control I strongly object to this proposal, first of all it will make all of my equipment obsolete which to me is an ivestment of several thousand dollars. In addition to my radio equipment , I have about 3 thousand dollars in model airplanes. I belong to the West Pasco Model Pilots Association, we are a dedicated group of men and we take our hobby very seriously. This proposal of Frequencies is so close to our existing ones, that it will cause interference and render most of our model frequencies unusable. I am a retired air force service man who served my country in time of war, and I look forward to my hobby of model aircraft constructing and the thrill of seeing the fruits of my labor take to the air. This is one of the only enjoyments I have in my retirement, so please I urge you to consider this F.C.C. proposal and do your utmost to prevent it from becoming a reality. Thanking you in advance for kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely Yours

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"I am retired and derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes." "I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes."]

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February 5, 1993

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Dear Mr. Bilirakis

I am retired and derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I am very active in two local model clubs.

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